

It is therefore believed that the Applicant has fully complied with the requirement for Election/Restriction. No claims are re-presented with this response because all claims remaining in the case are original, unamended, as filed in the national stage application directly from the PCT submissions, and which are set forth in the three pages shown in PAIRS as having been submitted on June 6, 2006, and consecutively numbered as claims 1-20. It is respectfully requested that the Office conduct a substantive examination at the earliest opportunity, and consider this application as special pursuant to MPEP 707.02 and 708.01(I), based on the fact that this application has been pending for at least five (5) years including the priority claim.

Respectfully submitted,

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